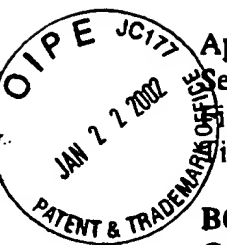


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Applicant : Daniell Stevens et al.

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.47

I, Patri J. Pugliese, declare that:

1. From the time prior to the filing date of the above-identified application, I have been employed by L & H Holdings USA, Inc ("L&H") of Newton, MA, and Dragon Systems, Inc., ("Dragon"), which was acquired by L&H. While employed by Dragon and L&H, I was responsible for maintaining patent files, including updating files and obtaining signatures from inventors.

2. In conjunction with the above-identified application, I was responsible for obtaining signatures on the patent application, assignment, and declaration documents (the documents) from the inventors, Daniell Stevens, Robert Roth, Joel M. Gould, Michael J. Newman, Dean Sturtevant, Charles E. Ingold, David Abrahams, and Allan Gold.

3. On October 12, 2001, I sent the documents to Robert Roth for signature.

4. On October 30, 2001, I was informed that Robert Roth was concerned about reading the documents because of his involvement in a pending litigation and that Robert Roth would be willing to read the documents when advised by his lawyer.

5. To date, I have not yet received a set of the documents signed by Robert Roth.

6. On August 7, 2001, I sent Dean Sturtevant an electronic mail message asking him how I should send him the documents.

7. On August 7, 2001, Dean Sturtevant sent an electronic mail message to me indicating that he did not "recognize the ownership of former Dragon Systems property by L&H, as the 'purchase' of Dragon by L&H was a fraudulent activity."

8. On October 12, 2001, I sent the documents to Dean Sturtevant for signature.

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9. I have not heard from Dean Sturtevant or tried to contact Dean Sturtevant since I sent him the documents on October 12, 2001.

10. To date, I have not yet received a set of the documents signed by Dean Sturtevant.

11. On July 30, 2001, I sent David Abrahams an electronic mail message asking him how I should send him the documents.

12. On October 18, 2001, I sent the documents to David Abrahams for signature.

13. Subsequent to October 18, 2001, I sent electronic mail messages to David Abrahams asking him about the documents.

14. To date, I have not yet received a set of the documents signed by David Abrahams.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that those statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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